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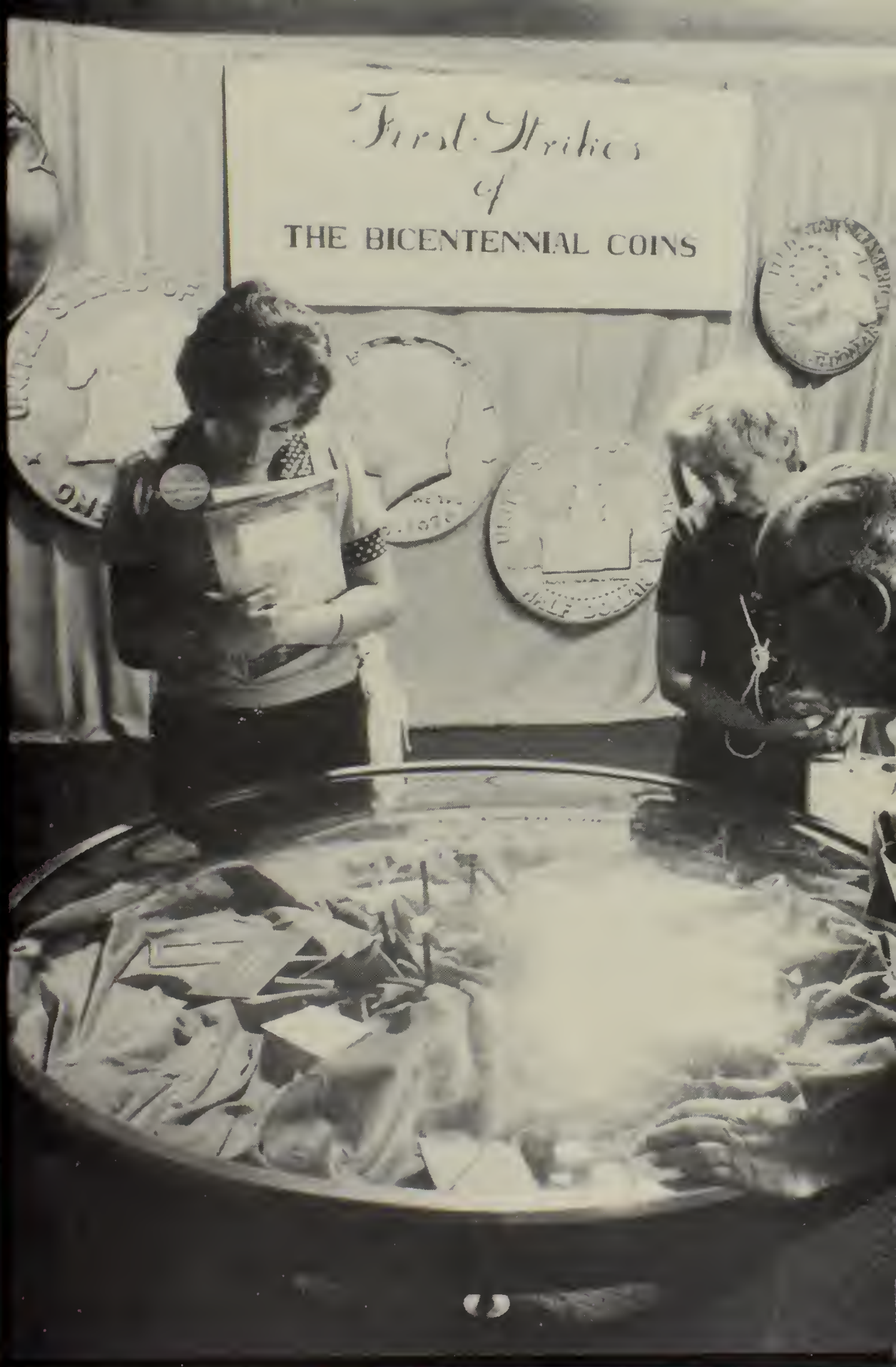

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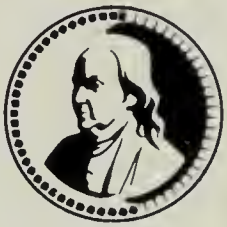

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Bicentennial Coins Unveiled; Distribution Plans Revealed

Trial strikes of the nation's Bicentennial coins, struck at the Philadelphia Mint on August 12 amid the clicking of camera shutters and the glare of television lights, were flown to the American Numismatic Association convention in Bal Harbour, Florida, where they were displayed to the numismatic fraternity.

Mint Director Mary T. Brooks announced plans, during the ANA conclave, for the distribution of the Bicentennial coins, as well as for the release of the much-sought-after 1974-S cents.

"On Nov. 15 this year and continuing through Jan. 31, 1975, we will take orders for the 40 percent silver Proof and Uncirculated Bicentennial coins," Mrs. Brooks said.

"The three-piece Proof sets will cost $15 each," she said. "The three-piece Uncirculated sets will cost $9 each. There will be a limit of five sets per customer of each set."

"In addition, cupronickel specimens of the dollar, half dollar and quarter will be included in the 1975 Proof and Uncirculated coin sets," she added.

"This unusual offering of our Bicentennial coin mintage permits us to make these coins available in both 1975 and 1976, and give more people the opportunity to obtain them," the Mint Director added.

Noting that law requires the Mint to produce 45 million 40 percent silver Bicentennial coins, she said the three-coin sets will be offered in 15-million "handsomely packaged" sets.

"Our Proof coins are beautiful, but as you know, production capacity is limited, so we will be able to produce only four million or a little less Bicentennial coin sets," she explained.

"We still have a few kinks to work out regarding the release and distribution of the Bicentennial cupronickel circulating coins, and I will let you know about this when our plans are firm," she told an audience at the ANA business meeting.

Mrs. Brooks also disclosed that the unissued 1974 "S" cents, the subject of rampant speculation earlier this year, will be mixed with cents from other Mint facilities and distributed through regular Federal Reserve member banks.

The Mint had halted distribution of the "S" cents, which were scheduled to be produced in a quantity of 400 million, earlier this year to prevent their being systematically pulled from circulation by speculators.

Mrs. Brooks indicated at that time the Mint would sell the cents directly to collectors to insure their even distribution. Other commitments killed that idea, she told ANA members.

"As you well know," she told the audience, "my first responsibility as director of the Mint is to assure adequate supplies of circulating coinage for the nation's commerce.

"This obligation was uppermost in my mind when I reached the decision to reject the idea of the Mint marketing 'S' cents through its computerized mail order process. To do so would be too expensive and too time consuming," Mrs. Brooks explained.

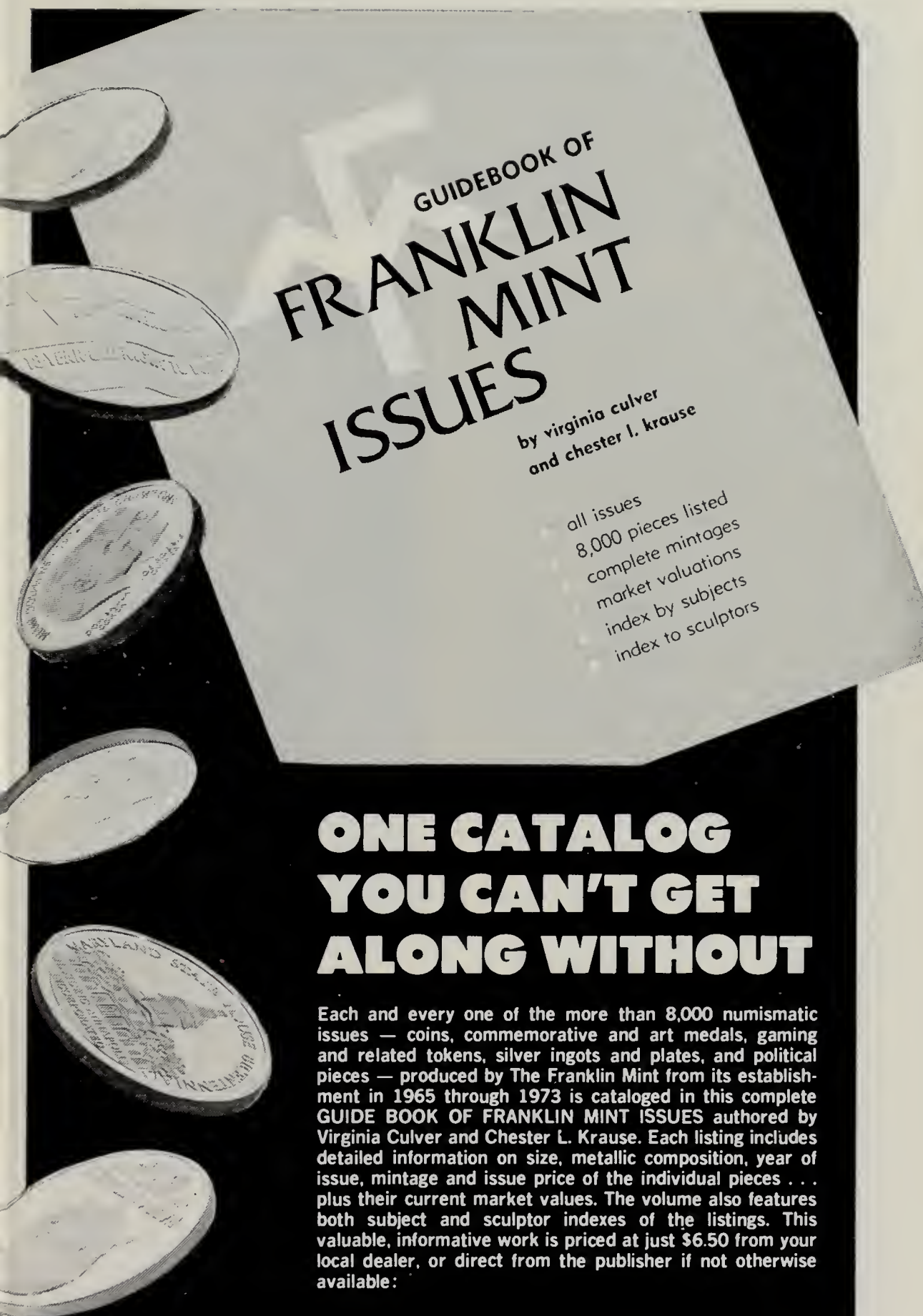
"Moreover, it would seriously overburden our numismatic operation at a time when we must crank in our Bicentennial coin program, which by law requires that the silver coins be minted by July 4, 1975.

"Therefore," Mrs. Brooks said, "the Mint is going to make as wide a distribution of 'S' cents as it is in its power to do. The Federal Reserve has agreed to mix 'S' cents in other cent bags destined for distribution to commercial banks," she explained.

" 'S' cent bags are then to be returned to the San Francisco Assay office. Hopefully," she continued, "this unusual distribution system will prevent anyone from acquiring a bag of 1974 'S' cents and will assure widespread availability of the coins."

About The Cover

One of the most popular exhibits at the Miami ANA convention was the one by the U.S. Mint featuring the first strikes of the Bicentennial quarter, half and dollar, which will be released next year. The coins were placed on pedestals within the clear, domed case for closeup inspection by convention-goers.



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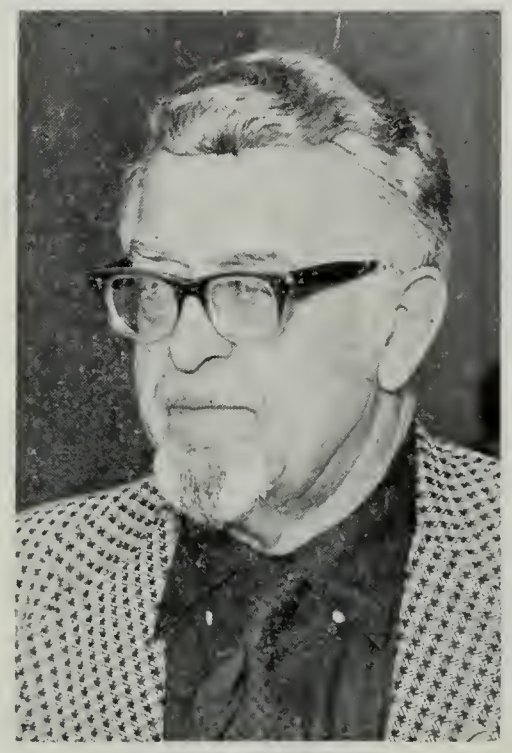
PRESIDENTIAL COMMENTARY

Many of your Officers and Governors of CSNS were present in Miami for the ANA convention. We met socially, but the regular Fall interim meeting of the Board will be held in conjunction with the Iowa Numismatc Association convention in Des Moines, October 26-27. CSNS Governor Lowell Owen is chairing that show and will be making arrangements for our meeting.

During the ANA convention, CSNS members — and many others — were saddened when our immediate past president, Dave Cooper, was struck down with what was believed to be a slight stroke. He was rushed to a local hospital and has progressed to the point where he was sent back to his home town of St. Louis. The Society can ill afford losing a member, such as Dave, who has contributed so greatly to the prosperity we enjoy. I, personally, owe a great deal to Dave. He has been not only a friend, but also a teacher. Dave: We need you; hurry and get well fast!!!

Although sprawled over all the northern half of Bal Harbour, the ANA affair was a fine show. Not only did conventioneers fill the Americana, they overflowed into the Beau Rivage, the Ivanhoe, and many smaller motels and apartments. I do wonder when — if ever — the ANA will consider either changing their dates to a nicer time of the year, or staging their conventions in a more comfortable clime. Miami was HOT! HOT! — not to mention EXPENSIVE!!

Have had conversations recently with Ray Lefman, who has promised



Daniel C. Parker

his usual excellent show in Kansas City in 1975. Ray is an old hand at staging conventions, and I am certain that with his top-notch crew, we will be very happy with the Central States convention in 1975. His motto, "Come Alive in '75," augurs well for next year.

In closing, may I urge you — NOW — to start formulating your plans to be with us in Kansas City next Spring. It's never too early to start making your plans.

— DANIEL C. PARKER
President

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The beginning of U.S. silver coinage for general circulation was in 1794. Eight demoninations of silver coins have been struck.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

With 1974 rolling right on by and our calendar saying that October is well passing us by, my deepest concern at the moment is for our members who are in arrears on their DUES. It is time for me to be going through our records and sending notices to you who have been delinquent since last May 1. At the end of October, we must remove you from our current list of members in good standing.

Oliver W. Horton

The dues amounts to only $3.00 per year, and the Society year runs from May 1, 1974, through April 30, 1975. Please check your membership card and if it expired on April 30, 1974, you are one of those with whom I am pleading.

If you will note the Regular Members who have converted to a Life Membership (listed else where in this issue), they must have read my last message in the July issue and have decided to take out Life Memberships. Pay once and remain in good standing for the rest of your life. An increase in membership dues is inevitable and, in fact, could come about even at the next convention. You, too, can take advantage of this saving, remove the task of paying each year, and also receive a beautiful engraved metal card — one that you will be proud to display to your collector friends.

Life Membership, at the present time, is still only $60 for those who are eligible, and all it takes is an inquiry to me for the full details.

The 1974 Interim Board meeting of the CSNS Officers will be held in conjunction with the Iowa Numismatic Association state convention in Des Moines, Iowa, October 26-27, at the Hyatt House (directly across from the airport).

All who are planning to be in attendance, please drop around and look us up. We are always happy to renew old acquaintances, meet new friends and discuss any aspects of the Society or hobby that will be of benefit to the Society or to our great hobby.

I was shocked indeed to learn of our Immediate Past President Dave Cooper's sudden illness during the ANA convention in Miami and know that all of us wish him a speedy recovery, and "We will be pulling for you, Dave!"

—OLIVER W. HORTON
Secretary-Treasurer

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Dates to be announced, 1980 ..... **Lincoln, Nebraska**
Chairman: Allen L. Schrock, P.O. Box 1212, D.T.S., Omaha, Nebraska 68101

NOTE TO CLUB OFFICIALS: Interested in hosting a future CSNS convention? It's not too early to begin thinking about 1978, 1979, or 1981! Submit your letter of invitation to the CSNS Secretary-Treasurer as early as possible. Your request will receive the attention of the Board of Governors at the earliest opportunity.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

The persons named below have applied for membership in the Society. Each Applicant will become a member in 30 days, unless a written objection to his or her application is received by the Secretary-Treasurer prior to that date.

New Members Since The July, 1974, Issue of THE CENTINEL

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LM 126 Harold Helm ..... Oshkosh, Wis.
LM 127 Charles A. Dean ..... Nashville, Tenn.
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If You Collect Paper Money, You Should Be A Subscriber To The World's Best Publication On The Subject

A cherub defends himself with a silver dollar on this $2 proof note.

Silver Dollar Vignettes On State Bank Notes

By Dr. John A. Muscalus
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Unless one has a large collection of state bank notes or happens to specialize in state bank notes of Indiana, New York, Massachosetts, Maine, or Rhode Island, he is not likely to be aware of the extensive number of notes with silver dollar vignettes.

It is the porpose of this survey to provide an awareness of the extent of silver dollar vignettes for those not familiar with the situation and also to provide a time-saving check list for those who are interested in coin vignettes.

This list of silver dollar vignettes is based on a survey of thousands of notes supplemented with a perusal of pertinent literature in specific geographic areas where notes were not at hand. For the present, this report is not concerned with gold coins, Spanish coins, and fractional coins. The silver dollar vignettes are more frequent than gold or large Spanish coin vignettes and are, therefore, given priority.

The absence of a listing for a state or city does not necessarily mean that there are no coin vignettes for them. There may be gold, Spanish coin or fractional currency vignettes; or there may be scarce or rare notes known only to specialists in given areas.

On the basis of this survey, it seems that there are upwards of 115 different notes with silver dollar vignettes, most of them issued in Indiana, New York, Massachosetts, Maine and Rhode Island.

Although there are so many silver dollar vignettes, they are not all different. Some vignettes occur repeatedly among the notes. For example, there are some twenty different bank notes with the vignette that portrays a cherub rolling a large 1853 or 1854 silver dollar, whereas a vignetter of the 1801 silver dollars is rare

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A Notorious R.I. Bank

By S. K. Whitfield

Every now and again notes of the Farmers Exchange Bank at Gloucester, Rhode Island appear for sale. The seller almost always points out that these notes were part of a stupendous swindle.

When I purchased one of these notes some time ago, my curiosity was piqued enough to determine what really happened back there in New England, nearly 175 years ago, that made this bank so infamous.

Banking profits in New England at the beginning of the 19th century caused many individuals to seek bank charters throughout the area. Since the city of Boston acted as a clearing house for New

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ANA Offers $5,000 Reward

The Board of Governors of the American Numismatic Association has posted a $5000 reward for information that would lead to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murder of ANA member Earle D. Sherwood.

John Jay Pittman, chairman of the ANA Security, Thefts and Robberies Committee, noted this action by the board at its recent meeting in Colorado Springs.

Mr. Sherwood, formerly of Horley, N.Y., and a 39-year member of the association, was brutally mordered doring a robbery involving his personal collection at his home in Florida. He moved to the Beacon Square retiree area of Tampa-Saint Petersburg three years ago from New York state where he had spent most

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the centinel SPOTLIGHT

World Paper Money Catalog Announced As Joint Venture

A new definitive reference work, the "Standard Catalog of World Paper Money," authored by Albert Pick, will be marketed in an English language edition by Krause Publications Inc., through a cooperative publishing venture with Ernst Battenberg Verlag, publishers of Munich, West Germany.

The new catalog, a companion volume to the popular "Standard Catalog of World Coins" published by Krause Publications, is planned for release early in 1975, according to publisher Chester L. Krause.

All notes in the large 8½ by 10¾-inch format catalog are to be priced in U.S. funds in two condition degrees, Fine-Very Fine and Crisp Uncirculated for modern notes, and Very Good and Very Fine for the earlier rarities.

Valuations are to be supplied by a panel of professional dealers in world paper money coordinated by the Krause Publications staff, according to Clifford Mishler, senior editor, and Russ Rulau, coordinator.

Pick, curator of the extensive paper money collections of the Bavarian Mortgage and Exchange Bank of Munich, is the author of "European Paper Money Since 1900," "Paper Money Catalogue of the Americas," "Papiergeld Sammeln" (Paper Money Collecting) and other works.

The first public announcement of the Standard Catalog of World Paper Money was scheduled to be made by publishers Chester L. Krause and Dr. Ernst Battenberg in the U.S. and Germany in mid-June. Krause chose the Convention of International Numismatics in Los Angeles June 21-23 as his forum.

The extensively illustrated catalog is to include all major types of governmental notes of the world since 1900 (earlier in many cases).

The joint publication effort of a leading North American and leading European numismatic publishing house was termed a pioneering effort in American-European collaboration by the publishers. Battenberg publishes a series of "Weltmunzkatalog" (World Coin Catalog) references in annual editions.

Price and ordering details for the new catalog will be available after a feasibility study is completed, possible by late September, Krause indicated. Distribution of the catalog will be along the same channel used successfully with the Standard Catalog of World Coins.

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Kentucky Youngster Designs State 'Bi' Medal

The official Kentucky 74-76 Historical Events Celebration Bicentennial medal will soon be available to collectors. The medal will carry the winning design entry in the recent Bicentenial medal design contest produced by Keefe Mills from Western High School in Louisville, Ky.

Mills was awarded a $1,000 college scholarship for his entry entitled, "Daniel Boone — Kentucky Explorer." It was one of numerous entries received during the statewide competi-

tion for Kentucky high school students.

Eric Platt of Warren East High School in Bowling Green received a $500 second place scholarship for his entry entitled, "New Discovery." A $250 third place scholarship was awarded to Mary Kay House of Henry Clay High School in Lexington for her design of Morrison Hall.

The Hamilton Mint in Arlington Heights, Ill., will strike the historical medal from Mills' winning design. The medals will each measure 1½ inches in diameter and will be available in August.

The medals will be available in 24 karat gold on .999 fine silver for $20 each, or in .999 fine silver for $15, or in a solid antique bronze edition for $3.50 each.

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Illinois Museum Receives Famed Art Medal Series

The World Heritage Museum of the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign was recently presented with a complete set of 89 bronze fine art medals produced by the Society of Medalists.

University Chancellor Dr. Jack W. Peltason and President Dr. John E. Corbally Jr. joined Mrs. Mary Lou Cram, executive secretary of the society, at the presentation luncheon.

Museum director emeritus Rear Adm. O. H. Dodson, USN (Ret.), served as host at the presentation.

In her remarks, Mrs. Cram sketched the basic role and the historical development of the Society of Medalists.

Founded in 1930 by art patron George Dupont Pratt, the group strives to encourage the development of the art of the medal among American sculptors. Two artists per year are commissioned to prepare designs for fine art medals for submission to the society's advisory board.

The board's function is to ensure continuing quality of design, never the design itself. The concept and style of execution of the medals is entirely an artistic function, Mrs. Cram said.

This year will see the 90th medal in the series struck. The society points with pride not only to the medallic work of its sculptors, but to their architectural work, sculpture in the round, public fountains and other artistic achievements, Mrs. Cram added.

One of their early contributors was sculptor Lorado Taft, a native of Urbana, whose statues before the University of Illinois' Student Union are an example of the full-scale sculpture work of the medalists. Taft produced the society's 11th medal in 1935.

Complete sets of the Society of Medalists' issues are to be seen at Pittsburgh's Carnegie Museum; the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D.C.;

the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, and in university museums in such diverse locations as Columbia, Princeton, Georgia Tech and the University of California.

The donation to the university of Illinois will be a "living gift" Mrs. Cram announced. Specimens of each succeeding issue of the society will be automatically sent to Urbana to join the series on display.

The Society of Medalist maintains its tax-exempt status by limiting sales of medals to members only, 500 silver members, 2,500 bronze. Membership for the bronze category is $25 per year.

The society's address is West Branch Road, Weston, Conn., 06880.

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MSNS Young Numismatists Raise Funds, Plan Outing

Michigan State Numismatic Society Young Numismatists recently earned $155 in a fund-raising project and are looking forward to a Treasure Hunt.

"Be a Honey, Buy a Bee" was the promotional slogan for the sale of artificial decorative magnetized bumblebees made by the YNs of Michigan under the leadership of Florence Schook, MSNS secretary and youth leader.

The East Detroit Coin Club supplied materials; Art Goupel painted promotional signs and made a hive which was used to display the bees and serve as a bank for receipts until the sale was completed and contents of the hive counted by club members for deposit in the MSNS Young Numismatist Fund.

Prizes given in the sale were donated by Mrs. Schook, Maria Salfi, and Capital Plastics.

Assisted by Goupel, a MSNS governor, and George Wanzug, a former state officer, Miss Schook is making arrangements for the YN expedition to a site at which treasure items will be hid in advance by adult leaders.

Metal detectors will be used by youth groups to locate the treasures and members of each group will divide their "finds." Additional prizes donated by numismatic firms, organizations and interested individuals, will be given during the day.

A "mystery trip luncheon" will be furnished by the National Bank of Detroit Money Museum and there will be morning and afternoon refreshments.

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Honest Illinois Man Finds It Really Pays

An unemployed man in Pekin, Ill., who found a money bag lying in the street and turned it into the State Bank of Pekin without even opening it, has discovered that honesty can pay off from several directions.

He received $100 and a gift certificate from a local shoe store operator, owner of the $1,000 which the bag contained. Impressed by his honesty, bank officials agreed to grant him a loan which he was trying to negotiate, to open a used car business.

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Farmer Rakes Up His Own Wallet

Robert L. Anderson of Kenosha, Wis. recently uncovered $268 from his soybean field.

While raking his 120-acre Wisconsin farm for a new soybean crop, Anderson found a molding wallet with the decaying cash. The wallet was his — he had lost it exactly a year ago while preparing the field for the 1973 soybean crop.

Anderson turned the money over to the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Co. of Chicago, when local banks in Wisconsin would not handle the money. The Chicago Trust Co. is forwarding the money to the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago for replacement.

The ABCs of Numismatics

— by Daniel C. Parker

Part 7

Let's Move On

It is the feeling of this writer that our readers are ready for the LMN's of our hobby, rather than just the ABC's. We have gone over the fundamentals of coinage, and now it's time to advance.

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The United States Mint was far from being as far advanced in technology, as it is today, when Congress authorized America's first coinage. Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson and others determined that a new nation must have a firm and recognized coinage. Jefferson, more than any other individual, was instrumental in setting up the basis and denomination of U.S. coins. He was well educated and had a long standing affair with the French language. So, in determining our denominations, he adopted French terms.

Using the Spanished Milled Dollar, the firmest and most widely recognized monetary unit, as a standard, Jefferson based the American dollar on that coin. The Spanish dollar enjoyed great respect in the states at the time that Jefferson was casting about for the base for United States coin. Thus, the Dollar was born.

Among the very first coins authorized was the "Disme," an American corruption taken from the French "Dixieme" — or tenth part. Today the term has been further corrupted into "Dime." And from the French "Centime," or hundredth part, we got the "Cent."

Remember that back in those early years of 1792-93, a dollar went farther than it does today. Thus, large denominations were used primarily in trade, and not in ordinary circulation betwixt the populace. Thus our cents were

among the first coins released for public consumption. And herein lies one of the romantic legends connected with our coinage — the Large Cent.

The Large Cent of 1793 is one of the most fascinating of our early coinage. It best illustrates, also, the craftsmanship of the first Mint. It also illustrates the falability of the craftsmen and the lack of today's sophisticated technology.

The very first of the large cents was the "chain reverse," so called because of an endless 13-link chain which encircled the denomination, "One Cent," and the fraction, "1/100."

We get back to the fundamentals included in earlier articles. This coinage was struck long before the present Janvier machine was at the Mint to duplicate the pattern adopted for a coin. The die for the 1793 chain cent was entirely hand made. A mild steel

Chain Reverse Large Cent of 1793

was used for the die, and the devices, legends, etc., were struck into the mild steel by hand. All lettering was individually hand placed and struck. Thus, we get the romance of the first mint error, and it is the considered opinion of this writer that it truly was an error.

Surrounding the 13-link endless chain on the reverse, we have the legend, "United States of Ameri." In placing dies for the striking of the legend, the die maker allowed too much space per letter and did not have enough room left to place the last two letters. The next die was ever so slightly altered to allow room enough to complete the legend, and so was born the America reverse.

After the die was completed, it was hardened to allow it to be used many thousands of times in the striking of the copper planchets. Because of the slow manufacture of dies, their use was continued until such a time as they cracked or otherwise were rendered useless.

Wear on the die was very high, also. Thus, a study of early cents includes such comments by the specialists as: "Early Die State," "Late Die State," "Radial Cracks to the Edge," etc. In many cases, reverse dies were used in years after they were first placed in the screw press. So we have the description, "Head of 1794," etc.

To get back to one of the more romantic tales of the 1793 chain cent. Nearly twice as many 1793 cents were struck using a "wreath" reverse. This writer believes that the populace, upon observing the new chain reverse,

(See **ABCs**, page 27)

WHAT OUR CLUBS HAVE TO SAY

MSNS Announces Busy Fall Convention Program

Highlighted by many outstanding features, the Michigan State Numismatic Society's Annual Fall Convention will be in full swing November 15, 16, and 17, at the Detroit Hilton Hotel. Featured will be a two-session auction by Jess Peters; ANA President, Mrs. Virginia Culver, as speaker during the Michigan Token & Medal Society's meeting (Mich-Tams); Miss Eva Adams, former Director of the U.S. Mint, banquet speaker; a bourse room of eighty well-known dealers; a large and varied exhibit room; a continuing program for the ladies; a day-long program for the Junior Numismatists; a hospitality room; a Coin Club President's Breakfast; and a Saturday evening banquet.

Added features on the program include the meetings of the Paper Money Collectors of Michigan (PMCM), the Early American Coppers Society (EAC), and the International Order of Wooden Money Collectors (IOWMC).

One of the best attended coin conventions in the Midwest, this year's convention promises to be even larger. An invitation is extended to all numismatists to join us for a highly informative, and entertaining weekend.

Because of the inability of the Detroit Hilton Hotel to provide adequate space, PNG Day which was scheduled for November 14th has been cancelled.

Inquiries may be directed to MSNS, 13114 West Warren, Deaborn, Michigan 48126.

(See **Club News,** page 20)

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South Dakota Honors Won By Mrs. White

Mrs. M. M. White was best-of-show winner at the 23rd annual South Dakota Coin and Stamp Association convention. It was held in South Dakota State Fairgrounds, Huron, S.D., with the Fair City Coin and Stamp Club as host.

Warren Jackson was elected president of the state group, with Mrs. White, vice-president; Henry Wederhoft, secretary-treasurer; and Charles Fulker, immediate past president. John Beck and James Jackson were elected as members of the board.

Richard Stammer, Myrtle Christopherson, Mrs. White, Wilbur Vanorsdel and Ed Kampen received court of honor certificates.

The Leo Heibel trophy went to Mrs. White, and Robert Stewart received the Muriel Himrich memorial trophy for his service to the organization.

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The list of engagements lengthened on the regiment's battle flags: Fuka, Frederickstown, and Brownsville. Then, in 1864, came the abortive Red River Expedition into the bayou swamps of Louisiana. Of the Eighth Wisconsin Gen. Stanley said: ". . . big, stalwart fellows who could march a mule off his feet. We marched in the 75-day campaign and the Eighth saw almost continuous fighting. Barefoot and in rags, but still marching beneath their eagle."

Old Abe and the Eighth finally took a furlough. Union newspapers way out East were carrying poems about Abe, including one in which he was represented finishing off the Confederacy, then flying the Atlantic to subdue the British Lion. Of the Eau Claire Eagles, who had departed Wisconsin 100 strong, only 56 returned.

Abe was mustered out of service in September, 1864. In all his glory, Abe's head feathers had turned the pure white of a mature bald eagle.

Old Abe as he appeared in retirement during the 1880 national encampment of the GAR at Milwaukee.

Musket ball-clipped feathers had grown back. His plumage, black through most of the war years, was a rich gold-tinged chocolate, his talons ebony black.

ortalized on a Medal

Abe was presented to the state of Wisconsin by his last bearer, Company C commander Capt. Vic Wolf. As Capt. Wolf carried Abe up the capital steps in Madison to the office of Gov. Lewis, long lines of people were there to greet him.

In retirement, Old Abe was exhibited at patriotic affairs across the nation, including the Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia. Artists painted his portrait, and one even sculpted him in marble. His presence before cheering crowds resulted in the raising of thousands of dollars at benefits held for disabled veterans. Pictures of Abe were selling for ten cents each.

Discovered in the storeroom of a Milwaukee die sinking firm, this half century old hob was used to create the 1962 CSNS medal.

Showman Phineas T. Barnum even tried to buy Old Abe for $20,000.

Abe made his final public appearance at the 1880 national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) in Milwaukee. He was a figure of magnificent dignity, and one witness wrote that while the band played, Old Abe "uttered his battle scream, consisting of five or six wild thrilling notes in quick succession."

The old warrior was to die in the arms of his keeper on March 26, 1881, succumbing to severe smoke inhalation following a fire which broke out in the basement paints and oils storage area of the capital. His mounted remains were placed on display under glass, where he continued to attract the attention of thousands of visitors annually until a disastrous fire swept through the capital in February, 1904.

Abe's story does not end there, however, as in 1865 the J. I. Case Co. of Racine, Wis., launched him into a new career which would make him the most famous bird in agricultural history.

Jerome Case had first encountered the eagle in 1861 during a business

trip to Eau Claire, where the newly formed military company was training.

Case questioned a boy standing nearby: "Where did the eagle come from?" The boy related the story of Abe's capture. Then and there Case determined to adopt Old Abe as the symbol of his farm machinery manufacturing business as soon as the war was over.

Abe's initial style, used from 1865 until the early 1870s, was taken from a stereoscope of Old Abe prepared by the Bodtker photography studio in Madison. The more familiar design featuring a likeness of Abe perched atop a globe was used from its adoption in the 1870s until 1969, when it was abandoned in favor of a stylized Case emblem.

Franchised Case dealers around the country were supplied with a five-foot likeness of Abe and his worldly perch. These attractive cast iron images of the bold bird can still be found around rural America.

When the 23rd national encampment of the GAR was held in Milwaukee in 1889, a likeness of Old Abe perched on a crossed saber and musket was featured on the convention badge. Although it can not be proven, it is believed by many that the eagle perched above crossed cannon on the GAR veteran badge is also Old Abe.

Many other collectors' items also bear likenesses of Old Abe. One firm issued a commemorative spoon in his honor, and some glass items bearing his likeness were produced around the turn of the century.

And while many high schools identify their athletic teams by such terms as Hawks, Indians or Raiders, in Eau Claire, Wis., the teams go into competition under the banner "Old Abes."

The most interesting medallic portrait of Abe was produced in 1962 for the CSNS convention in Milwaukee. The subject seemed most appropriate, as this was the centennial of the beginning of Abe's saga of fame. There was a problem, however, as a good likeness of Abe had to be found to be used as a model.

The most obvious source was J. I. Case, but it was soon learned that none of Case's models had been saved. Paydirt was finally reached when the hob of a 50-year-old die was discovered in the storage area of Schwaab Stamp and Seal, a Milwaukee die sinking firm which had produced Case advertising items around the turn of the century. This hob was to serve as the model for the conven-

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Convention medal issued for the 1889 Milwaukee encampment of the GAR featured a likeness of Old Abe on the obverse. The 1⅜ inch medal was struck of aluminum.

tion medal.

After the first few medals were struck it became obvious that the relief of the dies was much too high for production run striking. It was feared that continued striking would cause die breaking problems, so a new obverse die was engraved which featured lower relief of the eagle's features.

This medal was struck in several varieties, in both high and low relief — many of which are extremely rare. Most of the high relief specimens and special varieties of the regular low relief version were presented to convention officials and visiting dignitaries.

Today only these medals and other similar collectors items remain to remind our generation of the contributions Old Abe made to the battles which led to Union victory during the Civil War.

If Abe were still alive, and if he were granted the gift of speech, imagine the thrilling tales he could spin of the era and the men who lived it.

Abe was somewhat a symbol come to life or as a Wisconsin historian put it: "Ben Franklin can be forgiven for suggesting that the turkey and not the bald eagle be chosen as the national bird. He had not known Old Abe!"

CATALOG OF 1962 "OLD ABE" MEDAL VARIETIES

Number	Composition	Relief	Mintage	Rarity
OA 62-1	Silver .925	Regular	400	4
OA 62-2	Copper	Regular	400	4
OA 62-3	Aluminum	Regular	400	4
OA 62-4	Bronze	Regular	400	4
OA 62-5	Aluminum Matte Proof	Regular	15	7
OA 62-6	German Silver	Regular	2	9
OA 62-7	Silver .925	High	20	7
OA 62-8	Copper	High	20	7
OA 62-9	Aluminum	High	20	7
OA 62-10	Bronze	High	20	7
OA 62-11	Brass	High	2	9
OA 62-12	Lead Proof	Regular	6	8
OA 62-13	Lead Proof	High	3	9
OA 62-14	Lead Proof	Reverse	9	8
OA 62-15	Overstruck on Morgan Dollar	Regular	3	9
OA 62-16	Overstruck on Peace Dollar	Regular	3	9
OA 62-17	Overstruck on Morgan Dollar	High	2	9
OA 62-18	Overstruck on Peace Dollar	High	1	10
OA 62-19	Brass Attendance Medal	*	1,500	3

* During the convention a $1 admission fee was charged. Each person in attendance was entitled to receive one of these medals. The obverse read: C.S.N.S./20th/Convention/May 4th, 5th, 6th,/Milwaukee/Numismatic/Society /Host. The reverse was the same as the convention medals.

Note: All of the specimens listed here were struck by Schwaab Stamp and Seal. They are all 1½ inches in diameter, with the exception of the lead proofs. The low relief issues were struck on 12-gauge planchets, while the high relief specimens were struck on 8-gauge planchets.

An Ancient Girl Friend

— Clement F. Bailey, NLG

On December 6, 1912, my girl friend was discovered! The famous Queen of ancient Egypt, Nefertiti. We might add right here that her name is also found spelled Nefertiti, Nefertete, Norfretete, Nefertythi, Nefertuthi, Nefertithi and various other ways. Regardless of the spelling of the name the meaning has not been disputed, "the beautiful woman has come!"

The bust of Nefertiti wasn't in very bad shape when discovered. It was missing an eye and some portions of the ears were broken off, but otherwise it was in great condition — including the coloring. It was a noteworthy discovery as it came from an era in history where sculpture in the round was being tried; it also uncovered an ancient Queen whose name had been crossed off a great many of the Egyptian markers due to her downfall.

The discovery of the bust was made in Middle Egypt in a dig headed by Professor Ludwig Borchardt of the German Expedition, Deutsche-Orient Gesellschaft.

Nefertiti was as modern as a woman of today in her beauty treatments and aids. The one exception would probably be the shaving of the head—due to the hot climate of Egypt—and the wearing of the blue headdress which she made herself. The color blue being the symbol for Egypt.

She had a supervisor of the bath, a first lady of the rouge pot, and a keeper of her jewels. In fact every item used in the beauty treatment required a guardian. The tweezers, comb, eye brow pencils, eye paint, pins, needles, hair pins of bronze and ivory as well as mirrors were a few of the beauty tools used.

Shadowing of the eye brows and lids as well as rouge for the lips were common practice in 1400 B.C. as was the wearing of wigs, with many in a well designed Egyptian ward robe.

Another of the interesting items was a double headed needle used by the ladies of Nefertiti which was used to sew two strands of colored thread at

the same time.

Sandals came into popular use in the dynasty, but even so it was not unpopular or unusual for Nefertiti to go bare foot while wearing the royal jewels. Her ears were pierced and she is listed as one of the first women in the world to wear earrings. None of her jewelry would be classed as "costume jewelry" as most were made from solid gold. Signet rings—used as seals—also came into popular use in this period of time.

Nefertiti is supposed to have had quite a few breakfasts of bread and fruit washed down with pomegranate wine which came prior to her daily bath and her dressing in flowing robes or in a "modern sheath dress."

Nefertiti was born some time around 1384 B.C. She was married at the age of fifteen and it is also recorded that she had six daughters — with no mention of sons — and a possible seventh mystery daughter.

She married Akhenaton (another name found with a variety of spellings) who was one year older (sixteen) and he then became Amenhoten IV, King of Egypt. There are a few claims that she married her brother or half-brother. This may or may not be true. The right to succession came through the female line, so brother and sister were often married to preserve the ancestral strain—in poor as well as royal circles. "Brother and sister" were also terms of endearment in Egypt and did not always mean a family relationship.

Nefertiti and King Amenhotep IV were the first persons in world history to revert to a monotheistic religion. They turned to the fiery face of the sun—Aton—as their one god. They turned their backs on the god Amon and all of the other animal-headed, bird-headed gods along with their demons which had kept Egypt under the cloak of superstition.

They built a city half way between Memphis and Thebes and called it Amarna, the "city of the horizon of the sun." (Sounds like a real estate commercial of today.) It was the first world city to be built to a master plan.

This break in tradition caused new freedom in religion, politics, society, literature, architecture and the arts. Amarna art was an absolute break with Egyptian tradition. Speaking of art, the Egyptians were also the first to come up with cartoons. They drew pictures, similar to our comic strips, with "balloons" over the characters which held the words.

Something happened with Nefertiti and the king. The older powers along with prodding from the rival religious groups squieezed Nefertiti and the king. She faded from the picture and into disgrace until she finally became one of the last of the Amarna revolutionaries. Before her husband died he started on a program to erase her name from the records. By the time she had seen the throne of Egypt occupied by her son-in-law, the death of three Egyptian kings had been recorded and her son-in-law, King Tutankhamen, didn't rule for long. (King Tuts tomb was the discovery of a lifetime in 1922.)

Then came King Harmhab who wiped out the names of the previous four kings on the official records and everwhere else. According to his records he was king for twenty-seven years before he was crowned. The city of Amarna was destroyed along with the records and name of Nefertiti.

King Amenhotep IV and Nefertiti were considered to be heretics, so they were erased and forgotten until the twentieth century.

After the discovery of the bust in 1912 it was "whistled" out of Egypt which produced a controversy between Germany and Egypt. Out of it we find that Nefertiti once again became a well known figure.

The famous bust of Nefedtiti has been shown on one piece of money

(See **Nefertiti**, page 27)

Club News —

(From page 13)

Midland Empire Club Lists New Officers

Midland Empire Numismatic Association, St. Joseph, Mo., is headed by Mrs. Vern W. Snider as president. Glenn E. Smith is vice president; Mrs. Gloria Lawnick, secretary; and Marvin E. Thomas, treasurer.

The club, with 42 adult and junior members, holds its meetings on the third Thursday of each month. Starting hour is 7:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph Museum craft room. The group hosts an annual show in the spring.

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Fox Valley's Show Draws 2,500 Guests

The 18th annual coin show of the Fox Valley Coin Club was declared successful at its close in Country-Aire, Appleton, Wis. The attendance was over 2,500, and there were 33 dealers in the bourse area.

Exhibits set up by members attracted much attention and visitors voted for their favorites. A special trophy was given to the top vote getter.

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Morton Grove Club Hears Ricard Speak

A recent meeting of the Morton Grove, Ill., Coin Club featured a talk on "Medals and Mythology" by Charles Ricard. He is an authority on several phases of numismatics and was presented a club speaker's medal.

Youth in the area were invited to attend to hear various members speak on their particular branch of the hobby. The main speaker was Jack Ahr, prize winning designer of the U.S. Bicentennial 25-cent piece.

The club issued an elongated cent commemorating the 10th annual coin festival. Specimens are available at 50 cents each, plus a SASE, sent to Sheldon Green, MGCC, P.O. Box 43, Morton Grove, Ill. 60053.

The group meets on the third Friday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Oketo Fieldhouse, 8950 Oketo, Morton Grove.

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Ludington Coin Club Stresses Education

Educational programs are scheduled for meetings of the Ludington, Mich., Coin Club on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The site is the Michigan Consolidated Gas Co., 115 West Loomis.

The 30-member club has L. F. "Butch" Foster as president; Carl Pererson, vice president; Joseph Kubiak, secretary; and Mrs. Kubiak, treasurer. The club was founded early in 1962.

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Youngstown Club Head Notes Attendance Boom

President Edwin Huffman of the Youngstown, Ohio, Numismatic Club, said in the regular bulletin that attendance has been so good there have not been enough chairs. He said extra chairs will be on hand in the future, so members may continue to come and bring extra guests.

Other officers are Arno Kmentt, first vice president; William Kerclin, second vice president; Stephanie Vinkler, secretary; Helen Potprasky, treasurer; and Charles Dornshuld, sergeant at arms.

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Wisconsin Club Sets 1975 Coin Show Dates

The 1975 coin show date was set and committees were appointed at a recent meeting of the Beaver Coin Club in Beaver Dam, Wis.

Mike Beglow, 405 S. University St., Beaver Dam 53916, is in charge of bourse arrangements for the show, which will be held April 6.

Other committees and chairman are Harold Schulze, Rte. 4, Box 116, Beaver Dam, exhibit chairman; Harvey Binder and Edward Kellom, trophies and judges; Frank Krueger, security; Erv Koenig, printing of posters and tickets; Steve Helms, Jan Bingeheimer and Dennis Loomis, prize procurement.

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Indiana Club Hears Lowery On Tropicals

William Lowery spoke before a recent meeting of the Western Electric Stamp and Coin Club, Indianapolis, Ind., in the Eastside YMCA.

His subject was on topical collecting, taking his cue from the 25th anniversary of the American Topical Association. He spoke on "Astronomy and Space," "Butterflies and Insects," to give those present an educational and entertaining evening.

Ralph Holmes, after five years as bulletin editor, announced his resignation. He will be replaced temporarily by Lowery. Holmes is becoming editor of Ex-SPAN-sion of the Society of Philatelists and Numismatists.

The bulletin carried dates of future meetings, shows and other activities for benefit of members. This information goes through the annual Christmas party in early December.

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Activities Successful For Keokuk Coin Club

Three special activities of the Keokuk, Iowa, Coin Club were reported successful. They were the white elephant sale, the spring hobby show and the 14th anniversary meeting and auction. The club also held an auction in conjunction with the hobby show.

Club meetings are planned for 7:30 p.m. of the fourth Thursday of the month in the Washington-Central school gym, 115 N. Ninth St. Guests are welcome at each session.

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Chicago Coin Club Conducts Swaps

Members of the Chicago, Ill., Coin Club were again reminded of the chance to participate in the swap sessions held by the club at regular meetings. Action has not been too strong so far, said a spokesman, but it is expected more members will take part in future meetings.

Plans are under way to host the 1976 convention of the Central States Numismatic Society in connection with the Bicentennial celebration. No definite site has been chosen, though several hotels have come under consideration.

The committee already at work is under the direction of William Pettit as general chairman, Harry X Boosel is advisor; Louis Nagy, bourse; Frieda Schnell, registration; Dave Schecter, publicity; and Marjorie Baker, hospitality, with the aid of Tillie Boosel.

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Attendance Good At Hannibal Club

Attendance at meetings of the Hannibal, Mo., Coin Club is usually very good, according to a spokesman, with nearly one half of them visitors. This makes for a good prospect list for members, a spokesman said.

He said, the group was friendly and that each meeting in the American Legion Hall has programs, auctions and bourse tables. In fact, he said, each meeting is more or less like a small coin show.

Among latest members are H. Vernon Moore, Gerald D. and Michael Dobson, D. B. Harris and Elizabeth McCune, with previous members J. Lionel Dent and B. F. Bush getting reinstated.

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Beaver Club Members Get Recognition

The Beaver Coin Club, Beaver Dam, Wis., was well recognized as the Numismatists of Wisconsin convention held recently in Waukesha.

Steve Helms won junior best-of-show with his exhibit, "The Morgan Dollar Mints." Anne Loomis, another junior, won second place with her study of the "Illegal Coins of Lundy."

Young Helms has been active in the club for several years and is currently the club secretary. Honored also for being the "Outstanding Young Numismatist of the Year," Helms received a NOW plaque.

Virgil and Daisy Jackson received the Numismatic Ambassador award from Clifford Mishler, representing Krause Publications. He said the Jacksons, charter members of the Beaver Coin Club, had many accomplishments in the hobby. They have exhibited in many areas in the country.

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Logansport Coin Club Celebrates Anniversary

The Logansport Coin Club celebrated its 20th anniversary recently in Logansport, Ind. Forty-five persons were present.

Marion Watson, a past president, talked about wooden nickels and displayed several specimens. He was joined by Mike Terry in a review of the club's history, including humorous incidents.

Mel Hartoin, current president, and Dave Dunkle conducted the auction and Mrs. Seth Huddleston won the door prize.

A birthday cake, coffee and soft drinks were served by Mrs. Richard Martin and Mrs. Marion Watson.

Past presidents present were Watson, Robert Julian, Richard A. Martin, Robert Costello and Mrs. Richard (Letha) Martin. Others who have served in that capacity are B. W. Lidgard, Dan Drompp, Ernie Parket, Wayne Jackson, Robert Monnier and the late Manuel Maderia.

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Kalamazoo Home Of New Coin Club

Warren E. Vanzandt is president of the newly founded Mall City Numismatic Club, Kalamazoo, Mich. Larry L. Green is first vice president; James Wilson, second vice president;

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Youngstown, Ohio

Jackie Huntington, secretary; and Joan Green, assistant secretary.

Michael Dennany III is treasurer; Max Riekse, librarian, with John Kiewitt, Laura Wilson and Bert Beard as board members.

Meetings are planned for the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Maple Hill Mall, 5050 West Main.

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Coin Cleaning Discussed At Fort Wayne Club Meet

Jim Fairfield spoke on cleaning coins at a meeting of the Old Fort Coin Club, Fort Wayne, Ind. He is the originator of the Fairfield-ized process and gave a demonstration of the technique. He operates Art Coins.

President Dave Rasor welcomed the visitors and invited them to return to join the club. Dave Brockner gave a report on the progress of the junior club as plans were announced for the young group to have a program.

Rasor presented Ken Hallenbeck a certificate from the American Numismatic Association for his participation in the 1974 U.S. Assay Commission.

Awards were given to Ron Meyers, George Broughton and Brockner.

The club, founded in 1956, holds meetings at 7:30 p.m. of the second Thursday of each month in The Lantern, 4420 Ardmore Ave., Fort Wayne. Doors open for trading at 6:30 p.m.

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New Club Issues Wooden Nickels

A new club, the Fishbowl Wooden Nickel Coin Club, has been organized at Siren, Wis.

As the name indicates, the club's chief interest is wooden nickels and it will continue issuing the Wisconsin Fish Series begun by the Arrowhead Coin Club of Spooner. A Blue Gill piece, No. 11 in the series, will be released in July, and a Bicentennial Wood will be issued soon, according to club secretary Jerome Bruce.

Eleven members paid dues of $1 at the organizational meeting. Each member is to receive five wooden nickels of the year he joins, plus Christmas pieces.

John Hansen is president and Jim Waldron, vice president. The secretary's address is Route 2, Box 173, Siren, Wis. 54872.

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Leo Terry Addresses Indianapolis Club

Membership application were received by the Indianapolis, Ind. Coin Club from several collectors. Among them were Paul B. Stoner, Jack L. Hawk, Marvin A. Trattner, Ed Higginbotham, J. M. Culligan, Lyle Patrick Linville and Jack Royse.

Leo Terry spoke at a recent meeting and showed a set of American Numismatic Association slides on commemorative half dollars. He had a set of half dollars on display.

The club newsletter started a series on past club presidents. First president was Lu Riggs when the club was founded in 1940, serving in 1941 and 1942. He moved to Cincinnati in 1943, where he still resides.

In the second edition it reveals Will Reinhardt, president in 1943, and Harry Blackmore, who served in 1944 and 1945, are both dead.

Well known as a coin dealer now, Wilson Pollard was chosen president

in 1946. He is still active and is a charter member and received life membership number one in 1970. The listing will continue in future issues of the newsletter, according to Editor Frank Russell.

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Dodson Addresses Missouri Club

Speaker at a recent meeting of the Missouri Numismatic Society, Clayton, Mo., was Rear Admiral Oscar H. Dodson (USN-Ret.) He is past president of the American Numismatic Association and director emeritus of the University of Illinois Museum. His topic was "Lost Treasures."

Club meetings are planned for the fourth Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Farm and Home Savings and Loan Association building, Clayton, Mo. The group has 140 adults and five junior members.

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Steubenville Show Draws 2,000 Visitors

Registration of more than 2,500 was reported for the 18th annual convention of the Ohio Valley Coin Association, Steubenville, Ohio. The event was held in the CIO Hall for two days.

Exhibit winners were Regina Alex, Stanley Alex, O. Shinksy, Jeff Smurthwaite, John Sulak and John Murphy. Each received a master trophy. Other winners were Loretta Colantoni, Brian Katz, James Valero, Larry L. Lee and Santos Santora.

Reports were made by various committee chairmen and personnel.

Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Tacozzi and Mr. and Mrs. John DiBacco Jr.

Several interesting non-competitive exhibits were set up, attracting many viewers, it was reported. Among them was one by the Liberty Coin Shop, Pittsburgh, Pa., which included many rare and scarce numismatic treasures.

There were 40 dealers in the bourse area, with many numismatic items of interest to both experienced and beginning collectors.

Sulak, Lou Matello and Bud Wilson were chairmen; Wilson and James Green, bourse; Ed Kotora and Ron Smurthwaite, exhibits; Ernie Darmo, security; Matello, awards; Ken Platko and Ron Rackinac, arrangements; Andy Pip, transportation; Gene Barney and Sulak, electricity; William Hardey, signs; Joe Schneider, TV; Dr. Francis Rach and Mrs. Helen Fach, registration; and Platko, special awards.

Club meetings are held at the same location at 2 p.m. of the second Sunday of each month. Further information may be obtained on the club at P.O. Box 451, Steubenville, Ohio 43952.

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Fremont Coin Club Installs Officers

New officers were installed at a recent meeting of the Fremont, Neb., Coin Club. They are Jesse Strimple, president; Edward Bishop, vice president; Emil H. Mares, secretary; William Perry, treasurer; and Edgar Leu, sergeant at arms.

Gelvin Leeper presented a plaque to Bishop, immediate past president, who was the first person to serve two consecutive terms as president. Leeper commended him for the way he led the club through meetings and coin shows.

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Israel Numismatic Society Plans Seminar in Michigan

The Israel Numismatic Society of Michigan will host the 1974 Great Lakes seminar of Israel coins and medals on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 18-20, at the Birmingham House Motel, 145 So. Hunter Blvd., Birmingham, Mich.

Further details are available from INS of Michigan, P.O. Box 35412, Detroit, Mich. 48235.

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Coin Grading Clinic Popular Event In Michigan

The annual spring show of the Warren, Mich., Coin Club attracted a good attendance when the two-day event was held in the Pampa banquet room. The highlight was reported as the coin grading clinic conducted by the Michigan State Numismatic Society.

Robert Williams, board member of the Warren club and the MSNS, was in charge. He was assisted by Gordon Wrubel, a MSNS vice president.

The clinic was geared both for the new collector and for those wishing to brush up on grading.

Some things discussed were the importance of grading in today's coin market, the various grading books, (and their shortcomings), the all important experience factor, and whizzing. A question and answer period followed the lecture period, and visitors were shown how to grade the coins they brought in.

Exhibits attracted a good share of the viewers at the show. Jean Zabowski, 16, past junior president, won best-of-show honor and took the club's "Traveling Trophy" with her Franklin type half dollar exhibit. The entry was made in the adult category and garnered the most points of any member exhibit.

William Slate took second place with his "Sunface Type Coinage of Uruguay," while Judy Slate exhibited "Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria on Silver Coins," Jerry Parsons showed the 1935 Connecticut commemorative half dollar.

Richard Sharon, junior president, took first in juniors 13 and over with his clipped planchets. Vince Labowski won second with Canadian commemorative nickels, and Ricky Tucker exhibited Franklin half dollars.

Marilyn Schwartz won first in juniors, 12 and under, with her Flying Eagle type cents. David Schwartz displayed Franklin half dollars.

The show was a success in all ways, said Esther Zabowski, president and general chairman. Marlene Losey took care of the bourse; Dan Manuszak, the exhibits, and Jerry Parsons, publicity and advertising.

June Maier was in charge of ticket sales; Lee Graham, security; William Slate, photography, along with Jane Zabowski and Parsons.

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Adel, Iowa, Club Set For Elections

The Adel, Iowa, Coin Club, organized early in 1974 will elect its first officers at the beginning of the next year. Don Mark said the informal group has programs each month on the second Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Dallas County State Bank community room. Members speak on what collecting means to them.

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Name New Slate In North Dakota

Richard Nehring is president of the Williston, N.D., Coin Club; Ron Vander-Linden, vice president; Orville Berve, treasurer; and Cliff Hinsverk, secretary. James Waterlaus is show chairman and publicity director.

The group holds its meetings on the third Sunday of each month and has a coin exhibit feature at each session, each time a seperate coin. Certificates are awarded to the top adult and junior, then the monthly winners compete for trophies at the annual show.

There is a membership of about 60, with some of them traveling up to 100 miles to attend from Montana. Occasionally meetings are held in the towns in Montana. Books are donated to the public library.

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Wooden Nickels Issued By Ohio Coin Club

Lima, Ohio, Buckeye Coin Cub issued wooden nickels for its 13th annual show and made them available to readers. Priced at $1 for four round (red, black, blue and green) and one flat, or one flat at 50 cents, both plus a SASE, orders may be sent to Dana Imel, 216 Redbud Ave., Celina, Ohio 45822.

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Name Winners At Muscatine Coin Show

A reecnt show of the Port City Coin Club, Muscatine, Iowa, was reported a success by officials. Attendance was good and visitors enjoyed good action at the bourse tables.

Special award winners were Gene Branner, Stewart Kline, Alberta Hurry, Eric Whisler, James Small, George Stych, R. F. Nelson and George Van Vooren.

Exhibit winners were Small, best-of-show; Don Fennell, first in adult competition, and Warren Allen, second. Junior winners were Mark Kline, first, and Melvin Paetz, second.

Wooden nickels were given to show visitors and are available to readers at 15 cents each, or two for 25 cents, plus a SASE. Orders may be sent to Port City Coin Club, c/o Fred A. Paetz, 1513 Devit Ave., Muscatine, Iowa 52761.

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Minnesota Club's Show Termed 'Successful'

The Owatonna, Minn., Coin and Stamp Show was successful in all ways, according to Mrs. Crawford O. Schwendler. She said the attendance was well over 700 visitors. There were 16 bourse dealers at the single-day show.

The 35 exhibits were set up by 24 exhibitors, fewer in number, but higher in quality than previously, she said.

Trophies were awarded to first, second and third place in eight categories. Large trophies were awarded as best-of-show to M. Ross in coins and Clarence Hanson in stamps. Don Benson, winning the largest number of points, was given a silver bar.

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Galion Club Sets October Show Date

Galion, Ohio, Coin Club set Oct. 27 as the date of its coin show in the K of C Hall. Paul Jones, Rick Guimond and John Martin Jr. will handle the 100-lot auction. Colin Campbell and E. Guy Stultz will be in charge of ticket sales.

Members were reminded of a show in nearby Mansfield at an early date. The board of governors appointed Mrs. Juanita Kanatzar as vice president, and it was ratified by members.

Since meetings are held in the YMCA on the third Sunday of the month, Mrs. Louis Butterfield suggested the club take a YMCA membership. The club adopted the resolution.

Nefertiti —

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which is the 5 piastre note of 1958 issued by the United Arab Republic. The Arabic legend on the face is the same as the English legend on the back, "United Arab Republic Official Currency Note, Issued under Law 50/ 1940."

If coinage had been invented in the time of Nefertiti, the long buried secret of Amarna and King Amenhotep IV would have never occured.

The one real established fact about Nefertiti is the meaning of her name, "the beautiful woman has come!" She was popular more than 3,000 years ago and came back to popularity in the 20th century. Will she splash world history again if and when her tomb is ever found?

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ABCs —

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threw up its hands and screamed, "We've just broken the chain of tyranny, and now they place the chain on **our** coinage!" Because of public hue and outcry, the wreath, rather innocuous, was placed on the late 1793 dies, and remained for the rest of the history of the large cent, lasting into 1857.

Using such simple catalogs as the standard Red Book, one can enjoy much of the history of the large cent. We can note the different heads used in various years. We find overdates; these occurred when a die was still usable and available but did not carry the proper dating. The Mint craftsman simply took his date punch and struck an "8" over the "7", as in 1798.

The study of the large cent is endless. Today there exists a group of students of this series. They call themselves the "Early American Coppers Society," and meet several times each year to discuss and study jointly the many facets of the half cent and large cent. If one of the readers of this article would but sit in with these lovers of the coppers, he too might form a life long appreciation of the early history of our coinage.

One of the texts in this writer's library is "Penny Whimsy," which documents the many die varieties of the large cent. Another source of information are catalogs of great collections of these coins. They frequently are beautifully illustrated and can serve as a post graduate course for the serious student.

Happy hunting!

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